

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Jon Sonju, on April 2, 2007 at 3:45 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Andrew Geiger, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 449, HB 845
Executive Action: HB 845, SB 449, SB 432, SB 302
SB 384

HEARING ON HB 845

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:23 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 845, Changing point of taxation of motor vehicle fuels.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:03:08 Jim Lynch, Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT)
00:04:54 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and
Convenient Store Association
00:06:10 Doug Alexander, Story Distributing Company
00:06:28 Cliff Cuttery
00:06:42 Buck Bandass
00:06:57 Barry Moroil
00:07:11 Keith Delling
00:07:29 Cary Tonger
00:07:43 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association
00:08:02 Jerry Bring
00:08:13 Larry Polten
00:08:29 Greg Cross
00:08:40 Dallas Haren

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:02 Rep. Musgrove

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 845

00:09:33 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **HB 845 DO PASS.**

00:09:53 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hilbert made a substitute motion that **HB 845 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Rep. Nooney abstained from voting on HB 845. Rep. Furey and Rep. Arntzen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 302

00:11:04 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 302 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:11:16 Rep. MacLaren

00:11:33 Rep. Kottel

00:12:24 Rep. Sonju

00:12:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Arntzen voted by proxy. Rep. Sonju will carry this bill on the house floor.

HEARING ON SB 449

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:38 Sen. Kim Gillan (D), SD 24, opened the hearing on SB 449, Fuel economy standards for state purchased vehicles.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:37 Matt Leow, Montana Public Interest Research Group
EXHIBIT(trh70a01)

00:22:18 Sarah Cobler, Montana Conservation Voters

00:22:33 Tyler Evilsizer, SAVE Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:24:17 Marven Ikels

EXHIBIT(trh70a02)

00:27:24 John Blacker, MDOT

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:51 Rep. Hilbert

00:30:22 Sen. Gillan

00:30:52 Rep. Nooney

00:31:13 Sen. Gillan

00:32:19 Mr. Blacker, MDOT

00:34:04 Andrew Geiger

00:34:31 Rep. Malcolm

00:34:54 Sen. Gillan

00:35:21 Rep. Sonju

00:36:48 Rep. MacLaren

00:36:54 Mr. Ikels

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:33 Sen. Gillan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 449

00:39:37 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 449 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:39:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Furey moved that **SB 449 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Arntzen
voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(trh70a03)

00:40:19 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 449 BE CONCURRED IN
AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:40:29 Rep. Malcolm

00:41:24 Rep. Furey

00:42:02 Rep. Sonju

00:43:03 Rep. Malcolm

00:43:24 Rep. Furey

00:44:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Rep.
Malcolm voting no. Rep. Arntzen voted by proxy.
Rep. Wiseman will carry this bill on the house
floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 432

00:46:25 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 432 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:46:44 **Motion:** Rep. Furey moved that **SB 432 BE CONCURRED IN.**

EXHIBIT(trh70a04)

00:46:56 Rep. Arntzen arrived

Discussion:

00:47:18 Andrew Geiger

00:50:07 Rep. Sonju
00:50:33 Sen. Brueggeman

00:51:40 **Vote:** Motion Carried Unanimously by Voice Vote.

00:51:47 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 432 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:52:18 Rep. Furey
00:53:37 Rep. Nooney
00:54:15 Rep. Arntzen
00:54:55 Sen. Brueggeman
00:57:24 Rep. Furry
00:57:46 Barry (Spook) Stang, Montana Motor Carrier Association
00:58:59 Rep. Furry
01:00:07 Rep. Nooney

01:01:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Furey, Rep. Kottel, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Wiseman voting aye.

01:01:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 432 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 384

01:02:07 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 384 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:03:13 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 384 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh70a05\)](#)

Discussion:

01:03:37 Rep. Kottel

01:05:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:05:14 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 384 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:05:20 **Motion:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **SB 384 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh70a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:05:55 Andrew Geiger
01:06:43 Rep. Hilbert
01:07:20 Rep. MacLaren
01:07:34 Rep. Sonju
01:07:39 Andrew Geiger
01:07:53 Rep. Hilbert
01:08:07 Andrew Geiger
01:08:18 Rep. Sonju

01:08:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:08:41 **Motion:** Rep. Nooney moved that **SB 384 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:09:27 Rep. Malcolm
01:09:58 Rep. Kottel
01:11:08 Rep. Malcolm

01:11:43 **Vote:** Motion Carried 9-1 by Voice Vote with Rep. Malcolm voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

01:12:33 Adjournment

REP. JON SONJU, Chairman

KATIE BUTCHER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh70aad.pdf](#))